



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 1 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 235 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 20, 2020, up 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 82.1 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Down 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 189 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 20, 2020, down 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2020 through June 20, 2020 for the United States were 4.64 billion. Cumulative placements were down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2020

State	Week ending					
	May 16, 2020	May 23, 2020	May 30, 2020	June 6, 2020	June 13, 2020	June 20, 2020
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	32,963	33,016	33,312	32,911	32,915	32,968
Arkansas	22,966	22,963	23,060	23,471	23,549	23,249
Delaware	4,976	5,120	5,056	5,021	5,016	5,012
Florida	1,163	1,194	1,264	1,194	1,194	1,198
Georgia	34,324	34,393	34,588	34,257	34,606	34,551
Kentucky	7,659	7,484	6,533	7,494	7,469	7,394
Louisiana	3,244	3,365	3,486	3,410	3,501	3,370
Maryland	8,129	8,063	8,087	8,120	8,359	8,435
Mississippi	16,669	17,117	17,021	17,304	17,380	17,504
Missouri	8,958	9,102	9,069	9,070	8,556	8,642
North Carolina	21,381	24,787	24,778	24,776	25,356	24,987
Oklahoma	7,276	7,492	7,597	7,375	6,934	6,437
Pennsylvania	6,160	6,167	6,308	6,251	5,911	6,272
South Carolina	5,594	5,812	6,066	5,752	5,709	5,831
Texas	17,662	17,581	18,046	17,979	17,909	18,065
Virginia	6,017	6,367	6,425	6,381	6,425	6,396
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,873	13,058	12,903	12,929	13,174	13,307
Other States	11,367	11,682	11,734	11,360	11,335	11,563
United States	229,381	234,763	235,333	235,055	235,298	235,181
Percent of previous year	97	100	100	100	102	101

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – Selected States and United States: 2020

State	Week ending					
	May 16, 2020	May 23, 2020	May 30, 2020	June 6, 2020	June 13, 2020	June 20, 2020
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	23,232	22,945	23,652	23,915	24,372	24,572
Arkansas	19,474	21,163	20,848	21,372	21,011	22,085
Delaware	3,263	4,687	4,865	4,647	4,789	4,354
Florida	1,295	1,192	1,341	1,331	1,325	1,229
Georgia	26,404	26,257	26,488	27,038	27,150	27,739
Kentucky	5,473	6,246	6,935	6,270	5,942	4,674
Louisiana	2,687	2,748	2,763	2,849	2,961	3,090
Maryland	5,134	4,225	4,699	5,578	6,225	6,036
Mississippi	13,998	13,849	14,028	14,230	14,497	14,393
Missouri	5,368	5,900	5,949	6,998	6,226	5,982
North Carolina	14,744	19,828	20,008	17,854	20,261	20,664
Oklahoma	4,286	3,430	3,757	3,255	4,394	3,450
Pennsylvania	4,569	4,177	4,390	4,429	4,462	4,534
South Carolina	4,607	5,075	4,475	4,857	5,075	4,834
Texas	14,202	14,018	14,457	14,388	14,636	14,766
Virginia	5,539	5,736	5,994	5,411	5,073	5,676
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,152	10,682	10,649	11,769	11,721	11,615
Other States	9,136	8,925	9,081	8,869	9,089	9,199
United States	173,563	181,083	184,379	185,060	189,209	188,892
Percent of previous year	91	96	97	97	100	99

Statistical Methodology

Survey Procedures: Data for broiler hatchery estimates are collected weekly from all broiler-type hatcheries that hatch at least one million chicks a year. Individual NASS regional field offices maintain a list of all known hatcheries and update their lists on a continual basis. All hatcheries that meet the minimum size criteria are given adequate time to respond to the weekly survey. Those that do not respond are contacted by telephone. The weekly United States total for chicks placed includes states receiving greater than 500,000 chicks annually for grow-out.

Estimating Procedures: All data are analyzed for unusual values. Data from each operation are compared to their own past operating profile and to trends from similar operations. Data for missing operations are estimated based on similar operations or historical data. NASS regional field offices prepare these estimates by using a combination of survey indications and historic trends. Individual State estimates are reviewed by the Agricultural Statistics Board for reasonableness.

Revision Policy: Revisions are generally the result of late or corrected data. Revisions made to the previous five-week’s data during the current week are published in this report. Final estimates are published in the annual *Hatchery Production Summary* released in April.

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